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1. OUR INQUIRIES HERE REVEAL NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF IRAQI JEWS WILL TRAVEL TO BEIRUT FOR VISA OR REFUGEE PROCESSING. ALTHOUGH SYRIAN BORDER CLOSURE NOT SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO IRAQI AND SYRIAN REFUGEES DETERMINED TO REACH BEIRUT, WE ANTICIPATED BORDER OPENING LAST WEEK MIGHT INCREASE FLOW OF BOTH VISA APPLICANTS AND REFUGEES. THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE HOWEVER.

2. INFORMATION FROM LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AND UNHCR INDICATES THAT SOME IRAQI JEWS MAY TRAVEL TO BEIRUT, BUT ALL WILL CARRY PASSPORTS AND WILL BE FULLY DOCUMENTED FOR TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR SETTLEMENT OR PROCESSING.

3. BEIRUT 8871 EXPRESSES OUR POSITION THAT JEWS FROM MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PROCESSED FOR REUGEE STATUS AT THIS POST IN VIEW HOST COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SITUATION, POSSIBLE ANTI-US PUBLICITY AND POSSIBLE SECURITY PROBLEM FOR APPLICANTS.

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